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designation Tu-75, believed

by many in the intelligence community to have equated to the Bear (Tu-95)

heavy turboprop bomber, actually refers to a cargo transport version of

the Bull (Tu-4) piston bomber.

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indicates

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that the Tu-75 was constructed in 1950,

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rear loading cargo door had been incorpo-

rated into the design.

Comment: The designation Tu-75 first

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was believed to represent a new bomber. Later it was

suggested that Tu-75 might refer to a possible prototype model of the

Tu-95. Until recently, no additional information had become available

to clarify the identification of the aircraft.

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It is probable that the conversion from Tu-4 to Tu-75 aircraft was carried out on a very limited scale

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The identity of the ASh-73 engine, claimed by the Soviets to power the Tu-75, is not known but undoubtedly refers to a piston engine.